

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 20-58 will be pending in this application and presented for examination. Claims 54 and 55 have been amended. Claims 56-58 are newly added and are dependent claims. No new matter has been added with the foregoing amendments and newly added claims. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. FORMALITIES

Applicant has updated the specification to reference U.S. Patent No. 6,730,288, which is the parent application.

The abstract now appears on a separate sheet. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to remove the objection to the specification.

Claims 54 and 55 have been amended to ensure proper antecedent basis.

Claims 56-58 are newly added and find support in claims 40, 48 and 54 as filed.

Applicant submits herewith the references requested on the previously submitted Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). The Examiner is respectfully requested to return a completely initialed copy of the IDS form.

II. OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Claims 20-41 were rejected as allegedly being obvious over claims 1-40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,730,288 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. In response, Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection. According, Applicant respectfully requests that the double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

III. CONCLUSION

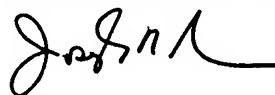
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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